

August 28, 1942

Mrs. Gertrude Bass Warner Oregon Museum of Fine Arts University of Oregon Eugene, Oregon

Dear Mrs. Warner:

On August 5th the War Production Board issued General Conservation Order Number M-99 which makes it necessary for all Printers and Publishers to dispose of book printing plates which on July 1, 1942 had not been used during the preceding four years.

The plates for J. C. Ferguson: Chinese Paintings, published by us on January 10, 1928, under a publishing agreement with Mr. Ferguson dated February 9, 1927, are in this category. These plates are your property, and under the provisions of the order we are required to notify you that they are, under the definition of the order, obsolete, and request you to instruct us either to melt them or to ship the plates to you or to such other address as you may designate. In the first case we will remit to you your share of the salvage value of the metal. In the latter case, we must charge you with the cost of boxing and transportation costs.

It is important that your reply reach us not later than September 10. 1942.

Yours very truly,

THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO RESS

asked to have plates
destroyed as requested by G.D. U.